



Application No. 10/080,437
Response to Office Action dated August 22, 2003

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-29 and 31-39 stand rejected.

Claims 10, 20, 30, and 40 are objected to as containing allowable subject matter, but depending on a rejected base claim.

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Claims 1-10 have been amended.

Claims 11-40 are cancelled.

Claims 41-58 are new.

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Remarks

The Office Action of August 22 cited *Kim* (U.S. Patent No. 6,239,968) as the primary reference for rejecting the pending claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the use of *Kim* because this reference is not prior art. The filing date of *Kim* is November 30, 1999, and the current application has the priority date of February 4, 1999.

While *Kim* claims priority to a provisional application, the Examiner is not relying on the provisional application as a reference. If the Examiner is relying on the earliest priority date for *Kim*, then the Examiner should rely on the provisional application in order to make any rejection of the claims of this application, not on the disclosure of the subsequently issued patent.



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Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 1-10, as well as consideration of the new claims 41-60, in view of the arguments above. Applicant does not believe that any of the amendments or new claims contain new matter. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested by Applicants. Applicants urge the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney at (408) 551-6632 if any issues remain that preclude allowance of the application. The Office is given permission to charge any unpaid fees to Applicants' deposit account (50-1914).

Respectfully submitted,

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